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In re Application of: Cherry et al.

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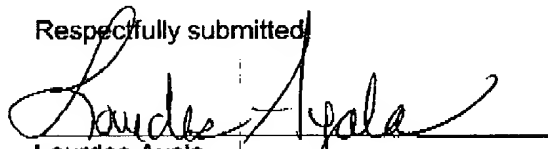
Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate)
2. Amendment

was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner Mahatan, C., fax number (703) 872-9306.

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for filing an RCE is \$770.00.

1. Applicants enclose an Amendment/Reply.
2. Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003 be extended for a period of 3 months from February 4, 2004 to May 4, 2004. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$950.
3. No additional claims fee is required.
4. Please charge the fee for filing an RCE, and extension fees, estimated to be \$1,720.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003 and the Advisory Action of March 5, 2004, and further to Applicant's Request For Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows: